15 Main Street, East Berlin

1840

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Greek revivial

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut.

1840 Frederick North current owner: Constance Unsworth Greek revival

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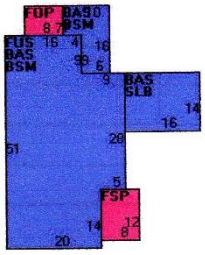
1840 current owner: Kathryn & Jason Mease

Sketch



Genealogy

Deacon Frederick North (1824-1897) son of Reuben North & Huldah Wilcox. He married in 1848 to Emily Webber (1826-1912). They had children: Emma, Frederick, Alice, and Edward. They are buried in Maple Cemetery.

Joined Berlin Congregational Church at age 14 years; became Deacon in 1875. Sang in church choir and was superintendent of the church school. During 1860 and 1880 was a mechanic. His wife, Emily, was from Wallingford. He lived at 15 Main Street, East Berlin circa 1840. In 1850 he had a moderate estate of $1,300. He died at age 73 years. North Genealogy by Dexter North - p.209 1850 Census Atlas, 1855 and 1869 North, Catherine. History of Berlin - p.48

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Town No.:	Site No.:
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic): Frederick North House

2. TOWN/CITY: Berlin | VILLAGE: East Berlin | COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 15 Main Street 17-2/149/22

4. OWNER(S): Unsworth, Constance R. " " East Berlin 06023 ☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present): Residence (Historic): Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1840

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
☒ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☒ Fieldstone Brownstone foundation
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☐ Cut stone Type:

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other (Specify)

10. ROOF (Type)
☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)
(Material)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☒ Gable end to the street
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 20' x 50'

12. CONDITION (Structural) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations) ☒ Yes ☐ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN: much new cladding

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☒ Garage ☒ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden
Modern fence (wood) anchored to old granite monoliths

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
In a neighborhood of mostly Victorian houses.

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The Frederick North House has a three-bay facade with a right entry. The Colonial Revival entry has plain pilasters, a wide plain frieze with a central molding, and a molded cap. The paneled entry door is recent. Windows are fitted with 6-over-6 sash. The molded cornice shows a full return across the gable ends. On the right elevation is a two-story cross-gable with a similar cornice treatment; to the rear of that is a small one-story ell.

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Frederick North House is significant as one of the few pre-Victorian houses surviving in East Berlin. The relatively broad profile, gable-to-street orientation, pilastered entry, and characteristic pedimented gable peak of the Greek Revival style are visible despite modern alterations.

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OURCES

1850 Census
1855 Atlas
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